Concessional tour package for students

2286. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to grant 50 per cent concession to students in packaged tours to historical places;

(b) if so, the details of the project to improve tourism among students; and

(c) what is the action-plan of Government to develop proper infrastructure to make the country a hub of tourist industry?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Development of Tourism infrastructure is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. However, the Department of Tourism provides financial assistance for tourism projects and has formulated the following three schemes for the development of tourist infrastructure in the country during the Tenth Plan:

(i) Product/Infrastructure and Destination Development.

(ii) Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits.

(iii) Assistance for Large Revenue Generating Projects.

Coastal areas as sex tourist sites

†2287. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the coastal areas of Goa, Chennai, Gujarat, West Bengal and Orissa are rapidly transforming into sex tourist sites;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what effective steps are being taken by Government to check the same; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.